

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR
APPOINTMENT OF NEW MAGISTRATE JUDGE

The United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee gives notice that it will appoint a United States Magistrate Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee to replace the Honorable Joe B. Brown, who is retiring.

The duties of the position are demanding and wide-ranging: (1) conduct of most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; (2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; (3) conduct of various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from the Judges of the District Court; and (4) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants. The basic jurisdiction of the United States Magistrate Judge is specified in 28 U.S.C. § 636.

To be qualified for appointment, an applicant must:

- (1) Be, and have been for at least five years, a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of a state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or the Virgin Islands of the United States, and have been engaged in the active practice of law for a period of at least 5 years (with some substitutes authorized);
- (2) Be competent to perform all the duties of the office; be of good moral character; be emotionally stable and mature; be committed to equal justice under the law; be in good health; be patient and courteous; and be capable of deliberation and decisiveness;
- (3) Be less than seventy years old; and
- (4) Not be related to a Judge of the District Court.

A Merit Selection Panel composed of attorneys and other members of the community will review all applicants and recommend to the Judges of the District Court in confidence the five persons it considers best qualified. The court will make the appointment, following an FBI full-field investigation and an IRS tax check of the appointee. An affirmative effort will be made to give due consideration to all qualified candidates, including women and members of minority groups. The current annual salary of the position is \$149,132.00. The term of office is 8 years.

Application forms and more information on the Magistrate Judge position may be obtained from the Clerk of the District Court (U.S. Courthouse, 801 Broadway, Room 800, Nashville, Tennessee 37203; (615) 736-2364 or on the Court's website at <http://www.tnmd.uscourts.gov/jobannouncements.html>). Applications must be submitted only by potential nominees personally and **must be received by October 31, 2005**.

All applications will be kept confidential, unless the applicant consents to disclosure, and all applications will be examined only by members of the Merit Selection Panel and the Judges of the District Court. The panel's deliberations will remain confidential.